

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-16, 18 and 26-29 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 1-13, 17 and 19-25 were previously canceled. Claim 29 has been added. Applicants wish to thank Examiner Ensey for the courtesy of telephone calls to the undersigned to discuss proposed amendments in relation to the Advisory Action.

§102 Rejections

Claims 14, 16, 18 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,853,735 (Imahori et al.). The previous Final Office Action indicated that claims 15, 27 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format.

Applicants have amended the specification to include the term “interlocking.” The Examiner indicated that the term “interlocking” has support in the drawings and therefore Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment does not add new matter.

The Examiner agreed that Imahori only discloses positioning the armature 34 in the center of holes 36a and 40a of the bobbin 22 and welding the outside side of the magnetic strap 26 to the armature frame 20. The armature frame 20 and the outside side of the magnetic strap 26 are therefore free to move without welding and are not interlocked together. Applicant has amended claims 14 and 26 to include the element that the armature-mounting structure is “configured to interlock with said fixed portion of said armature.” As the Examiner acknowledged, Imahori does not disclose interlocking the armature-mounting structure and the fixed portion of the armature. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 14 and 26 and their associated dependent claims are now allowable over Imahori.

Applicants have also added new claim 29 that incorporates the subject matter of claim 15 which the previous Final Office Action indicated was allowable.

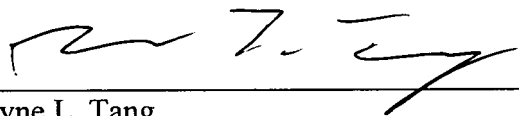
Conclusion

It is the Applicants' belief that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and action towards that end is respectfully requested.

If any matters may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number shown.

Respectfully submitted,

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